Further, the non-Christian patients who resorted to that institution were required to pray and worship according to the Christian religion which was against their sentiments. They had also a grant-in-aid Ayurvedic Dispensary. But the Vaidyan was not a qualified man. The Member, therefore, requested—

(1) that a Hospital might be established at Kuzhithura, *or*

(2) that a Dispensary be opened and placed under the supervision of the Parassala Medical Officer, *or*

(3) that the Parassala Hospital itself might be transferred to Kuzhithura, as all around Parassala there were medical institutions—both Government and private.

The Member also presented a memorial on the subject.

Dewan's reply.—A report will be called for from the Darbar Physician in regard to the working of the grant-in-aid Hospital at Martandam.

104. Need for converting the Chengannur Dispensary into a District Hospital.

Mr. Chacko Chacko (Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that the number of out-patients and surgical cases had considerably increased during the past 7 years. There were a number of Government and other institutions at Chengannur. The necessity for a Hospital was recognised by the late Dewan who ordered that, as a temporary measure, a shed be put up for two in-patients. Since then the necessity had all the more been felt. Their peculiar misfortune was that in going to the nearest Hospital they had to cross several rivers including the Pamba. Successive Darbar Physicians had also felt that a better building was necessary for the Dispensary.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

105. Establishment of Dispensary at Ranni.

Mr. Sastavu Peruman (Member, Chengannur Taluk) represented that, having regard to population, revenue, climatic conditions, etc., no locality in the State had a stronger claim for a Dispensary than Ranni. Further, there was a large floating population there and in its neighbourhood.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under the consideration of Government. The Darbar Physician will be asked to expedite his report after a personal inspection of the locality.

106. Suggestions for the better working of the Ayurveda Department.

Mr. P. M. Kunjusankaran Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) dwelt upon the importance and efficacy of the Ayurvedic system of treatment and suggested the lines on which the department could be made useful to the masses of the people. His suggestions were—

(1) that students to be admitted should have a good knowledge of Sanskrit and English and should love their vocation;

(2) that students should be taught Vakbhata's *Suthrastanom*, Anatomy according to Susruta coupled with English, and the latest books on the subjects, and also the books *Prathiaksha Sariram* and *Vakbhata Sariram* ;

(3) that, for the diagnosis of diseases etc., and pathology, they should be taught *Madhavya* and other old treatises ;

(4) that, for Materia Medica, such books should be taught as would serve as an exhaustive treatise on the origin, name, etc., of the various medicinal herbs and drugs and on the best methods of using mercury, minerals, etc.;

(5) that, for treatment of diseases, *Charakam* and the higher portions of other books should be taught. Lessons on Surgery and Eye Diseases according to the

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English method must be specially given. For that purpose the period of the school course should be extended by one more year; and

(6) that, in order that students might be well equipped in theory, it should be ruled that 90 per cent, 80 per cent and 70 per cent of marks should be obtained to secure a pass in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes respectively. After thus passing the examination in theory, the students should spend at least two more years in the Central Vaidyasala for practical study.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.—(*Continued*).

107. Reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

Mr. Ousep Ulahannan (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) urged the necessity of reforming the Popular Assembly on the following lines:—

(1) It should have a statutory basis.

(2) It should meet during the Birth-day week of His Highness the Maha Raja.

(3) The Members should be given larger powers, such as the privilege of moving resolutions &c.

(4) It should have a more representative basis, *i. e.*,

(*a*) each taluk should have two Members.

(*b*) except in the case of communities following a joint family system of inheritance, the tax-limit should be limited to Rs. 25.

(*c*) as the Jenmis were represented at the Assembly, a similar privilege should be allowed to the Kudiyans also.

(*d*) admission to the Assembly should be open to all the Edavagays such as Poonjar, Vanjipuzha, etc. The Chiefs of those Edavagays might themselves be made Members.

(5) Government decisions on subjects of general interest should be guided by the majority of the opinions of the Members and such decisions should be announced at the Assembly, the decisions on other subjects being announced within a fixed period.

(6) The travelling allowances and batta for the Members fixed 12 years ago should be revised.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

108. Needs of the Ettumanur taluk.

Mr. Ousep Ulahannan (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) pressed on the attention of Government the following needs:—

(1) The *chira* and temple tank should be repaired.

(2) A building should be constructed for the English school and it should be raised to the Fourth Form standard. The girls who were pupils in the school had also no other educational institution for prosecuting their higher studies.

(3) The Vempalli *thodu* should be deepened and improved so as to be useful for all agricultural operations. The encroachments should also be removed.

(4) A cartable road should be constructed from Pala to Kaduthuruthi *via* Elakkad *pakuthi*. A portion had been cut by the people.

The Member also presented a memorial on the subject signed by the people of the locality.

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